TVA

Attention Tyler Ferguson

Re: Norris Pointe Campground 26a permit

I'm writing to let you know of my significant concerns regarding the approval of a 26a permit for Norris Point Campground LLC. I am a home owner on Norris point and I'm very concerned about the waterway in that cover and around the bend as you exit the cove. There is already more traffic in the area in the past 2 years since I have owned the property, and the addition of the campground multiplies the boat traffic in the area by several times over.

The increased boat traffic will create more damage to the shore lines and docks along the shorelines that rest against them. I'm particularly concerned since our house location (515 E Norris Pointe) is near the exit of the cove where the boats start to ramp up their speed. They send large waves directly into the docks as they cut the corner to head out to the main channel.

The "cut the corner" action also makes me worry about the safety of swimmers around my dock and the others close to me on that bend. I understand the TVA cannot control the courtesy of all boaters, but having a permit that allows that many slips will simply increase the amount of boats in the area coming in/out of the cove therefore increasing the risk of damage and home owner safety.

The other concern I have is for the shoreline on the North side of the cove, exiting for Powell Valley Marina. It is a lower area and has few rocks and more dirt. There are often night tent campers there during the summer. The increased boat traffic in the area could cause significant erosion to this space and alter the shoreline. Already there are some extended dirt areas causing shallow conditions as the water level fluctuates. More dirt flooding into the reservoir could cause even shallower depths and be a risk for boaters.

I hope you consider the concerns of residents in and around the area. This Norris Point area enjoys the balance of recreation and nature, and the increased boat traffic that is influenced by a multi slip permit will most certainly impact that. All the rest of the homes in that area must comply to the single home 26a guidelines and although this particular property happened to be outside the main regulated area – it is still on the same body of water. I still am amazed they have been allowed to build below the 1040 just because of the difference in a few hundred feet down the cove.

Please consider our concerns in this matter.

Thank you Michelle & Brad Borman 515 E Norris Point 513 702 2147 To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in response to the public notice for comment on the Norris Point Campground.

There are several safety concerns that come to mind:

- 1) The idea of the owner of the campground is that he hopes to rent out the camping spots on an annual basis. I am assuming he has done his homework and has checked the roads leading to the campground but living there we are very family with the winding roads and steep grades that these campers/RV's would have to travel to get to the camp sight. The potential for getting stuck due to the grades/turns, accidents from trying to go past a vehicle coming the other way etc should at least be discussed with the owners.
- 2) Per the plan of the owner, they want to put in 3 piers to tie multiple boats to. As a result of the single family homes that have been built in that same cove that the campground is in, the traffic in that cove and on the way to the main channel has noticeably increased in the last couple of years. As a result of the increased boat traffic, the docks and shoreline along E Norris Pt Rd have taken quite a beating. One of our neighbors had their gang plank broken by the force/amount of the waves last weekend. You can see several areas where shoreline erosion has made a noticeable impact to the shoreline and also to the lake as it is much dirtier as a result of the increase dirt etc that is being eroded as a result of the boat traffic. I understand that you can't legislate stupidity but on a given weekend you can bet that 30%-40% of the boaters "don't have a clue" and as a result when boaters are pulling out of the "cove of interest" with the campground located in it – they drive within a hundred or so yards of the docks vs using the other side of the cove/waterway to the main channel for their transit. So if you then increase the number of boats coming in and out of the cove by 15-20 (approx number of camp sights the campground is hoping to fill) that's another approx 6-8 "don't have a clue" boaters who are plowing a big wake while within a football field or so of the docks along the water way to the main channel. Not to mention the safety factor of potentially 15-20 more boats coming in and out of the cove two to three times a day with people swimming/paddle boarding etc near their personal docks.
- 3) Where are the campers going to store their boat trailers? Are the going to leave them along E Norris Pt Rd? Imagine having even half a dozen empty boat trailers parked along the side of the road at that point of the turn into E Norris Pt Rd.
- 4) What are the regulations for the boat piers when the water level is dropped in the fall can those piers just sit on the lakebed?

In defense of the owner of the campground that we have met with, he has thought thru a number of issues that have come up but there are several safety and environmental factors that should be covered before just handing him his 26A dock permit.

We appreciate your hearing our concerns.

Thanks

Brad Borman

From: Debbie Caden <caden2010@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 1:59 PM

To: Ferguson, Tyler Dean

Subject: Concerns about the Norris Lake Campground - Section 26a Permit for Norris Reservoir

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To whom it may concern:

Gregory & Debora Caden (Norris Point Sec 6 Lot 1B) have concerns about the campground being so close to our land. Those concerns include the possible decline of our property value due to the campground. The docks / piers are so close to our property, and we do not want them in front of our property because we may want a dock in the future.

We are concerned about boat traffic and the safety of adults and children swimming close by. In addition, we are concerned about shoreline damage and increased noise. We are also concerned about the road traffic for moving the campers and motor homes.

The development does not seem beneficial for the area. Please contact us if you have questions or commits.

Gregory & Debora Caden Caden2010@gmail.com

From: rondacorn <rjv07@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 10:52 PM

To: Ferguson, Tyler Dean

Subject: 26 A permit on E. Norris Point Rd

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

TVA,

I am writing in regards to the permit for the campground on E. Norris Point Rd. If you have ever been to this dead end cove, you would see that this proposed dock is a nightmare waiting to happen. There is only water when the lake is at full pool and even at full pool, there is no room for boats to turn around to get out of the shallow, shallow cove. I can't imagine the mess it will be with a boat dock gumming up the whole end area. A stationary or floating dock would make the end of this cove unmanageable and unsafe for boaters.

The second point I would like to make, is that the water traffic in this small cove has increased greatly in the past 5 years. There are too many rental houses, and the boat traffic has increased so much, we are having the ropes to our boats snap off, docks being damaged, and terrible erosion. We can't even sit out on our docks to enjoy a quiet afternoon. Having 26 (the number of camping spots) additional boaters coming from this small area is ridiculous!!

Please do not give a dock permit to this end spot of the cove!

Sincerely,

Ronda Corn 545 E. Norris Point Rd. La Follette, TN 37766

From: Karen Cumorich < kleec43@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 9:39 AM

To: Ferguson, Tyler Dean

Subject: Public Comment Regarding Section 26a Permit on Norris Reservoir (Norris Lake

Campground/NLC)

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

We are most appreciative of the time commitment from Bucky Edmondson and Tyler Ferguson in suggesting and attending a community meeting for our neighbors to hear about the processes of the Norris Point Campground 26a permit.

The public notice regarding the 26a Permit approval for Norris Point Campground states that TVA is seeking public comment to the action's potential on the environment or historic properties plus any other issues associated with the request.

First off I would have preferred to have had the opportunity to comment on the original issuance of the 26a permit that allowed the campground to proceed. Once we were aware of the issuance and the discrepancies within that request we did make our concerns known at the August 2016 TVA Board meeting. I won't rehash the past several months interactions as TVA has made a concerted effort to make sure our community had the opportunity to comment on this current 26a permit request for the campground to install a ramp and stationary piers for boat tie ups for campers.

The owners have continued to show a certain propensity towards asking forgiveness rather than permission. This feeds into our fears that the owners will not be responsible in their decisions on how this commercial business operates. Which will end up an eyesore that we will have to pass every time we enter or leave our community. We appreciated Chad Albers attending our community meeting. However several of his answers left us with definite reasons to be concerned

Environmentally - We also understand that TVA's looks at the environmental issues as the larger picture on an area to include flora, fauna and specific species which may be affected. We are concerned with how this campground will affect the human species that is living in direct connection to the Campground in the Norris Point subdivision. We are not alone in this concern. I have signed copies of a petition that was sent to property owners in Norris Point. The overwhelming response was not happy with a campground and have concerns for the affect this will have on our community. We don't see this as a place that will become the premier campground. The amenities are lacking to bring the uber camper here, nor is there water to support boats, only from mid May to mid August.

As mentioned above the lack of control they intend to operate with, no one on site to make sure those utilizing the campground are following the rules they have set. Will the contracts require commitment from the renter to adhere to specifics, and how will they handle those who don't? To date there aren't any trash containers or designated receptacles to maintain trash control. Will there be signage with rules and regulations for campers to see?

When the water is no longer able to support tie ups at the stationery piers and the mud becomes the key component of shoreline, what will the environmental impact on the shoreline be? They are working towards yearly lease rentals, but until they reach that potential they are seeking daily/weekly rentals to keep cash flow.

Who will be responsible to make sure trash and or unwanted items do not become a part of the environment of the campground. The potential for trash to be left will encourage animals to congregate.

The roads leading into Norris Point Road are extremely narrow, deep drop offs, no guard rails and extreme switchbacks. It was recommended that the Campground put a safety suggestion of having a lookout go ahead and make sure road was clear of any oncoming traffic when coming in and going out with campers and boat trailers. The importance of the safety issues for those unfamiliar with the narrowness of the road and those who live in the area seemed to not make a connection with Chad Albers. Our take was that they feel to inform potential clients of the danger of the roads would scare off potential campers.

Historically – here again Historic to TVA is referencing those artifacts that have historical representation to the surrounding area. We feel that should include the fact that The Norris Point Community has historically been a residential area. The majority of residents will tell you one of the reasons they chose the area was that it was not connected to a Marina Area which generally has a more recreational feeling to it. There is the concern that because we are County residents we are not covered by any zoning rules which would have precluded that the owners of the property on which the campground was built would have had to get a variance to build a commercial business in a residential community on property taxed at residential rate. We are not anti business, just where this business was being built. There is also the concern that this campground will affect home values in our community. Norris Point Subdivision home values vary up a million plus. The surrounding community area preceding arrival at the Norris Point Subdivision is a mixture of farm acreage supporting cattle, other farm animals as well as crop farming.

Chad took a lot of questions that were specific to how they planned to operate and control the look of the area, but did little to assuage the concern that this could turn into anything but a mini Marina for anyone who shows up. Our concern is that it will turn into an unused eyesore. It seemed that the owners are well into the cost involved with a business and the sad part is that it appears they did not do their due diligence in making sure this was the right area for this type of business. There isn't year round water, barely four months. Once the water is gone there is not even a great view of the mountains for campers to look at.

We feel that there are still way to many unanswered concerns that the owners have yet to be able to answer. Do we have a way of someone guaranteeing that the septic system won't leak into Norris Lake? Why isn't there a recommendation that the system be checked yearly? Will the piers raise and lower based on water level? Will the ramp location impede the Norris Point homeowner of access to his dock, which will be located to the right of the current NPCG Ramp location? What are the rules and regulation, if any, on how campgrounds in Tennessee must operate?

We feel that TVA should be working with TWRA in connection with the water regulations of making sure any boaters coming out of or into that cove, as well as how their wake affects those docks along the Davis Creek passage out to the Powell be looked at. Particularly since there may be potential for up to 20 additional boats that come out of that narrow cove. The fact that there is not one sign reminding boaters of the need for wake speed. Someone put buoys at the mouth of the cove to keep speeding boats unfamiliar with the narrowness of the area to slow down so the wakes don't beat up the docks, as well as keep recreational skiers, tubers and wake boarders out of area. I understand they were recently removed by TWRA, due to being a water hazard. The one thing that kept speeding boats from entering the cove and potentially damaging docks and shoreline, and for the safety of the boater has been removed. Just didn't make sense.

What is the basis for TVA and TWRA working together to help solve one of the premier issues of concern? Safety for homeowners with docks, safety of shoreline erosion and boater safety entering an area to narrow and shallow to support the activity.

All of the above are a direct affect on the environment, and historic values as we see them of the area as well as the aspects of how the future will play out. It boils down to the concern for how moving forward with allowing this entity the new 26a will move this to a successful business? Probably not. This is a permit that should have never been issued to begin with. Unfortunately, should this permit be given passage what will our recourse be when the lack of planning becomes the future eyesore of broken piers and no premier campsites?

We appreciate the opportunity that we, as a community, have been given to express our concerns. Many are concerned and look forward to their concerns being used to make a decision that will reinforce their concerns.

Respectfully,

Karen and John Cumorich 565 E Norris Point Road LaFollette, TN 37766

423-566-1752

From: tom curti <tacurti@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 10:04 AM

To: Ferguson, Tyler Dean

Subject: Proposed campground near Norris Point subdivision

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

Mr. Ferguson-

I am an owner in the Norris Point subdivision, and I am writing to you today to express my extreme disappointment with the fact that a commercial trailer park, especially one allowing boats, has been approved by the TVA. This neighborhood was designed and has been maintained for individual families to quietly enjoy the lake and surroundings. In my opinion, the intrusion, safety concerns and boat traffic from this new park is unacceptable.

The roads to the subdivision are not designed for large trailers to travel up and down them, and I can see a number of safety and logistical problems when owners are met on these roads by those using this new park with large trailers. We live on a quiet cove, and the increased boat traffic will create safety, security and additional shoreline damage from a commercial entity with so many slips available. What an eyesore to come down to our secluded lake paradise and have to view a trailer park, not to mention what this might do to our property values.

I am frankly shocked this was approved by the TVA in light of the above, especially without giving those most affected by it a voice in the matter.

Hopefully, it is not too late to stop this project. I thank you for anything you can do toward this end.

Respectfully,

Tom Curti 411 E. Norris Point Rd. 513-646-8959

From: Robert Czanik <robertczanik@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 6:17 AM

To: Ferguson, Tyler Dean

Subject: Fwd: 26A Permit East Norris Point Campground

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jan Czanik < janczanik@yahoo.com > Date: June 21, 2017 at 6:13:47 AM EDT

To: robertczanik@yahoo.com

Subject: Fwd: 26A Permit East Norris Point Campground

Begin forwarded message:

From: Robert Czanik < robertczanik@yahoo.com>

Date: June 21, 2017 at 6:09:10 AM EDT

To: "janczanik@yahoo.com" <janczanik@yahoo.com> Subject: 26A Permit East Norris Point Campground

Dear Tyler Ferguson,

This letter is in response to the proposed 26A permit published in the LaFollette Press on June 15, 2017 regarding the East Norris Point Campground.

As an owner and permit holder of a 26A dock permit in the cove in question, I feel the campground should be entitled to a dock of 1000 or even 1800 square feet, just as other cove owners.

I feel the commercialization of docks capable of holding 12 to 20 boats is in direct conflict to the ability of other cove owners to peacefully enjoy this private cove.

Such a dock would create a marina type atmosphere, by part time boaters, many who don't know or care to uphold boating laws, all occurring at a site of an admitted absentee landlord.

I oppose the campground owners, who seek to exploit the TVA and other dock owners, for monetary gain, over the spirit of the law the TVA has intended.

Thank You, Jan and Bob Czanik 513 703-3495 robertczanik@yahoo.com

From: dayspikeman@aol.com

Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 9:06 AM

To: Ferguson, Tyler Dean

Subject: Campground at Norris point and docks

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

Hello TVA

My name is Phillip Day and I own a home across the lagoon from the new campground on East Norris Point Rd. I live at 269 Bell Lane that we have spent years building and try to make better for our children and family. We now have a commercial property in our back yard. I have a great concern about the docks you have allowed and the great increase to boat traffic that will be in front of our home. Me, my grandchildren and friends all swim off our dock with no boat traffic to speak of, but now you have allowed three docks and who knows how many boats to unsafely fly by us in the water. This past weekend we saw the first campers come in and they have no understanding of boaters responsibility to dock owner, safety or that they are responsible for the damage that there wake causes. With us all in the water they flew by only feet from us. Its just a matter of time before someone is hurt and I hold you just as responsible as the boat owners and the campground owners.

There are three more home owners that have a right to a docks that will but up against the campground and they will be in as much jeopardy as we are to injury, damage to our docks and erosion of the bank. Once the home owners all put there docks in and the water drops to the 1014 there will be no room for what you have allowed for docks and boat traffic. We had a wonderful community, peaceful and quit. I for one will not stand by and let my family be put in harms way because of boaters that are not held responsible for there actions. We will be calling the Campbell CO. Sheriffs on a regular basis as this problem get worse and I can assure you they will get worse as you add campers and boats.

Please understand we are all highly upset with what has taken place here with allowing any dock space to the campground. Its a shame that its not your home, dock, family and community that this will be unpacking. If this was a marina and boaters acted in the manner that I have witnessed you can be sure the rangers would be there and address it. I would hope that the rangers visit the campground like they do the marinas, I am sure they would see things that should not be happening on the water and in the boats.

In closing let me again say a terrible mistake has been made here by TVA, the county and the campground owners. This should have never happened.

Phillip Day 269 Bell Lane Lafollette TN. 37766 937-546-8197

From: DeAnna Edge <vaedge@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 12:13 PM

To: Ferguson, Tyler Dean

Subject: Notice in Lafollette press regarding dock permit request

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

Dear Tyler Ferguson

We Wouk like to voice our strong concerns for the dock permit request at the Norris Point Campground on Norris Point Road off of Davis Creek.

As a concerned neighbor we strongly object of the impact this private/public dock going up in our neighborhood. Traffic in and out of the water from up to 20 more boats coming in and out of that small cove. And 20 more automobiles, trailer, ATVs and upwards of around 100 more people on our one-way-in, one-way-out street. Up to 20 boats will be navigating their way on that dock as well as the 100 people using it as a tanning area, swimming platform etc.

We are a small neighborhood. You are aware of the campground and how we were treated with regard to being cut out of the process entirely as construction and permits were underway. Please don't be another rubber stamp bureaucracy. Please listen to this small neighborhood. With all your resources you surely know of the impact that this dock will do to the soil, erosion, wildlife and overall future quality of life. All areas will be negatively impacted due to this dock.

We strongly urge you to deny this dock permit to this campground, which you know should have never been here in the first place.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter

R. Kevin and DeAnna Edge 619 E Norris Point Rd Lafollette, TN. 37766

Sent from my iPad

From: Pam Eltschlager <pame@towelsworld.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 1:21 PM

To: Ferguson, Tyler Dean

Subject: opposition to the approval of the current 26a permit for Norris Lake Campground

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

To whom it may concern,

We oppose to the approval of the current 26a permit for Norris Lake Campground for multiple reasons.

Please find included in this communication just a couple for now.

The campground will create an influx of traffic on the only road to Norris Point is Lynch Hollow Rd.

This road is extremely dangerous to travel for the residents of our community with normal traffic due to the narrow roadway preventing safe travels for 2 vehicles to pass each other.

The additional traffic created will cause a great hardship to the residents that understand the roadway is dangerous and use courtesy when traveling.

For campground visitors, the danger is great as they are not aware of the issues and therefore dangerous for our residents that expect courtesy from their neighbors.

A campground so close to our community will for sure diminish the value of our property.

We appreciate your consideration of our opinions regarding this issue.

Thanks, Bill & Pam Eltschlager 590 East Norris Point Rd. LaFollette, TN 37766 Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) 106 Tri-Cities Business Park Dr. Gray, TN 37615

REF : Norris Point Campground LLC. 26A Permit Lafollette TN (Norris Lake)

Dear Mr. Tyler Ferguson

I am a home owner since 2005 and a property owner since 1997 on East Norris Point which is down the road from the campground. 535 East Norris point.

I would like to express my extreme and sincere concerns with the potential issue of a 26 A permit for their proposed (commercial) docks and boat ramp. We all understand that there are no zoning protections for the home owners in this neighborhood from a commercial business being plopped down anywhere in this area. However, there are several major issues that I feel directly impact this cove when you are looking at adding the potential of *more than double* the boat traffic in this very small confined area.

- 1.) If you take the time to view the shoreline along this water way. The erosion has already been impacting the current residences. Shore lines are falling back away from the water's edge due to boat traffic thus causing trees to die and fall into the lake. It has become not only a monitory concern for all of us but a safety concern as well.
- 2.) There is <u>no way to safely manage</u> the increase in boat traffic in this confined watered area for the current residences that live back in and at the mouth of this cove. This area was never intended to house a commercial property or this type of boat traffic. There are many marinas and commercial properties that are in open areas of the lake that can absorb this kind of traffic. None that I know of are as small as this cove.

 Again, personal safety and the environmental impact will be (not could be) detrimental and irreversible to Lynch Hollow.
- 3.) <u>Swimmers Safety, Dock and boat lift safety</u> and peaceful enjoyment will be greatly impacted due to more than doubling the boat traffic in this small cove and surrounding areas. I myself, have already had to pay a couple visits to renters of a couple homes in this area and discuss boating etiquette when driving along the docks and water's edge. Damage is happening now and by more than doubling the boat traffic its only obvious that there will be a % of new boaters in this small cove area that will fail to adhere to the Camp Grounds written requests for boating etiquette. The owner had stated in the meeting there will be no onsite management of this campground. There will be no-way for home owners to report or confront safety issues or flagrant disregard to properties when you have 20+ new boats added to a small un-managed area.

Mr. Ferguson, This area was a dream for me and my family with my hopes to one day retire here. It's not that we don't want others to enjoy this area because we do. As a small business owner myself, I would never try to disparage an entrepreneur either.

However, *people's safety and the surrounding environmental impact has to always take priority over all else*. We look to people like the TVA to protect not only us personally but our surroundings as well.

This in its self was one of the big allures for me to this area. Knowing the TVA cared about this lake and its habitants.

Sincerely Scott A. Flick (513) 284-8774

From: Sudie Jacques <sudiejacques@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 6:18 PM

To: Ferguson, Tyler Dean

Subject: Public Comment Regarding Section 26a Permit on Norris Reservoir (Norris Lake

Campground/NLC)

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment regarding the NLC project and their revised 26a permit application. We would also like to again thank Mr. Edmondson and Mr. Ferguson for addressing our neighbors regarding the NLC project.

We neighbors recognize that the real issue at hand is the lack of Campbell County zoning restrictions that should have generated public discussion regarding NLC's project. This project is located at the mouth of a very narrow cove at the only entrance/exit to our high-end lakefront neighborhood - Norris Point Subdivision. Since there will be no NLC on-site management or oversight, we also question NLC's ability to control future access to the campground or respond to issues such as irresponsible garbage disposal, unruly campers, additional/dangerous neighborhood vehicle traffic, irresponsible boaters, camper conflicts, etc. While these issues are not in TVA's direct wheelhouse, they are TVA-related.

Our major concerns

First, TVA is in the shoreline management business; however, as with NLC, TVA no longer owns all reservoir shoreline properties. TVA's 1930s through 1950s actions to divest itself of shoreline properties "no longer needed for operation of the reservoir" created different standards for similar or adjacent properties. Thus far, TVA has not been able to explain to us why properties like ours are necessary for operation of the reservoir and must adhere to 1044' restrictions, but NLC's property (next to our first subdivision property) does not have the same restrictions. To us neighbors, shoreline is shoreline, and one would think we should all be treated the same. While those guideline/restrictions may have been established in the mid 1900s, it is now 2017 and such guidelines/restrictions should be immediately updated so TVA and private shoreline property are treated equally and meet a common sense test.

Second, the fact that TVA does not appear to interface with an affected state, county, or the TWRA upon receipt of a 26a permit application for a commercial enterprise wanting to locate on TVA or private shoreline is problematic. We understand that NLC is on private property and many of the current rules are different; however, NLC's original 26a permit approval clearly states that the TVA reviewer contacted the community and associated property owners to assess public concerns associated with development of the proposed business. Clearly this was not done as no Norris Point Subdivision homeowners were contacted prior to project start. In fact, Campbell County officials were also totally unaware of this enterprise until we Norris Point Subdivision neighbors approached the Campbell County Commission to express our displeasure with the already on-going project. In fact, at that time NLC had not yet even applied for a Campbell County business permit.

Third, NLC's original 26a permit approval for a 300', 24-slip boat dock at the narrow mouth of a creek that is dry 8 months a year was ludicrous. I understand that many of TVA's actions are based on 1930s legislative guidelines; however, while TVA states they are in the shoreline management business, TVA seems to defer responsibility for potential water safety, water traffic, and shore erosion concerns to the TWRA. We even question if the TWRA was even made aware of the development of a commercial enterprise that may have negative implications for lakefront homeowners, businesses, marinas, general water safety, and shoreline integrity. One would think TVA and the TWRA should work together with any prospective business owner and the impacted community to ensure a proposed commercial development on reservoir shoreline and associated access concerns are addressed prior to project approval and initiation.

Finally, it is important to note that I am not anti-business, just anti-business in a residential area that could bring more people and boats to an already congested cove. TVA's requirement for NLC to scale back their 300', 24-slip boat dock proposal to "two T-shaped floating docks and a floating courtesy pier" is appreciated, makes much more sense, and partially mitigates our concerns.

My wife and I chose to build our home in Norris Point Subdivision to avoid the people congestion, boat traffic, and noise surrounding residential areas near I-75, developments like Deerfield Resort, and the various Lake Norris marinas. While NLC may claim they are a community dock, this development essentially creates a mini-marina for paying campers - not for general community access and use. I would also be disingenuous if I did not acknowledge that we are all also concerned with the potential negative impacts of NLC's presence on our home values.

All in all, the NLC project has been illconceived and poorly executed by NLC and TVA. The lack of camping patrons thus far sends this strong message to our neighbors - no gas, no showers, no ice, no boat slips, and no store, equal no patrons. While we wish NLC owners no ill will, we also wonder what will happen if this project goes belly up and we find our neighborhood adjacent to a derelict property, Will Tennessee, Campbell County, TVA, or TWRA be there to deal with any such occurrence?

Res;ectfully

Edward and Sudie Jacques 555 E. Norris Point Road LaFollette, TN 37766 423-592-1555

From: Erica Larkin <erica_larkin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 08, 2017 1:21 PM

To: Ferguson, Tyler Dean

Subject: Proposed campground near Norris Point subdivision

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

Mr. Ferguson-

I am an owner in the Norris Point subdivision, and I am writing to you to voice my concerns with the trailer park that has been approved by the TVA. We purchased our home last year because of the scenic location and safe and quiet cove. I fear that the increased boat traffic will cause safety issues for the families that call this cove home. I am also concerned about damage to the shoreline as well as a decrease in property values in this very nice neighborhood.

Thank you for time.

Thanks,

Erica Steuber 429 E. Norris Point Rd. 859-466-1795 Doug and Sandy LeConey 403 E. Norris Pt. Rd. LaFollette, TN 37766

July 8, 2017

Tennessee Valley Authority Attn: Tyler Ferguson 106 Tri-Cities Business Park Drive Gray, TN 37615

Subject: Request for Comments regarding 26A permit for Campground

Dear Mr. Ferguson,

This letter is in response to the TVA request for comments posted in the June 15, LaFollette Press. We have been property owners of a house at 403 E. Norris Pt. Rd. (lakeside) since 2003. We have 3 children and use the property and our dock extensively in the summertime.

<u>We strongly urge you to deny the 26A permit</u> for T-shaped floating docks, a pier and a boat ramp proposed by the Norris Point Campground for several reasons; decreased water safety, negative environmental impact, negative physical impact to existing docks and shoreline, and simple impracticality of this request. We elaborate on these reasons as follows:

- 1. <u>Decreased water safety.</u> The Davis Creek 1.6 mile Cove (Lynch Hollow area), referred to as the Cove below, is relatively narrow and currently has numerous docks used by property owners. As it has become more crowded over the last 10 years, boat safety has become a greater concern with more swimmers, floatable devices, paddleboards, and other "unprotected" people in the water on both sides of the cove. Allowing a dock that creates the possibility for 20 or more boats at the end of the cove, creates greater and greater risk that people can be injured or killed by motorized boats or PWC devices entering and exiting the cove, no matter what speed and even if respected as a no wake zone. It is impossible for TVA or rangers to police this type of situation after it is created and therefore the only way to avoid this significant increased risk is to simply deny this permit.
- 2. Negative environmental impact. The area of the cove where these docks will be located is very shallow. A multitude of boats moored in this area coupled with car traffic on the proposed ramp will create a significant concentration of gasoline, oil, trash, various chemicals, and lubricants in the back of the cove. Since the water here is very stagnant and out of the natural flow of Davis Creek, these contaminants will "collect" in this area and create a significantly higher concentration than normal. This higher concentration will no doubt kill fish, plants, and other wildlife, initially at the back of the cove and eventually seeping further east and out into the mouth of the cove and Davis Creek. The Norris Pt. area is at times fairly active with fishermen and property owners who have purchased fishing licenses with the expectation of sport fishing success in this area. If the permit is granted, fishing will no doubt diminish. In addition, the higher concentration of contaminants could impact humans who are swimming in the cove, resulting in temporary water poisoning, sickness, or even more serious diseases, like cancer. We personally are very uncomfortable with the thought of our children, friends, and grandchildren swimming in contaminated water.
- 3. <u>Negative Physical Impact to existing docks</u>. I have just recently spent about \$2000 replacing floats, winches, and structures on my dock. Much of this was required to repair damage caused by wakes from boat traffic in and out of the cove. Adding 10-20 more boats or PWCs further inside the cove will just create more traffic (potentially double) that will "pound" my dock and the docks of other

property owners, and cause us all more damage to our docks and increased expense to repair the damage and maintain the docks.

4. Impractical nature of building docks and having watercraft in this location.

In reviewing the Norris Lake Water Level chart on the norrislake.info website, although the "rule" chart would attempt to have 1020 full pool from May to October, in our experience, this is rarely the case.

A look at 2016, just a year ago, shows that most of June and July that year, the height was only 1015 for about 1 month and the level was below 1010 for about 9 months of the year. At that level, the area where these dock/piers are located will likely be VERY shallow and at some point in the fall, becomes completely dry. Although property owners know how fast the water level can drop on Norris, it is very likely that visiting campers will not be knowledgeable, and will think their watercraft are "safe". A sudden drop in lake height with a boat moored in this area could very likely get a boat "stuck" in mud or at the very least damage propellers. That situation will create problems for the boat owner, the campsite, the property owners and potentially even greater destruction for the shoreline as various methods are used to try to free boats from the mud. To place docks in such a shallow area just seems to be an unsound practice. Therefore, we do not believe granting dock permits are practical at this location.

In closing, as existing owners of lakefront property at Norris Pt. we have nothing against camping, but <u>we strongly urge that the subject permit be denied</u>. We want all property owners and visitors to enjoy Norris Lake. Lets not create an impractical situation that can get someone injured, property damaged, and highly negative environmental impact anywhere on Norris Lake.

We appreciate the opportunity to respond to this request and hope you will consider the concerns of all current users of the Cove at Norris Pt. to make a thoughtful, professional decision. Please direct any response to this letter to my email address at deleconey@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Doug & Sandy LeConey, and family Mobile 937-673-1187 deleconey@gmail.com sleconey@att.net

From: bigjon463@woh.rr.com

Sent: Saturday, July 08, 2017 2:04 PM

To: Ferguson, Tyler Dean **Subject:** Norris Point campground

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

Dear sir,

I would like to voice my concern about the campground in the works adjacent to my neighborhood. While the increased road traffic will be a potential inconvenience, its the boat traffic in the cove that is my main concern. I live at the mouth of the cove and already have had severe shoreline erosion as well as dock damage from wakeboard boats and others who come very close to my dock. This has happened with just the normal seasonal traffic of idiots who don't realize the damage their wakes can do. When the campground opens this issue will only worsen. I understand the TVA doesn't control the waterway and that the campground owners are not at fault for their venture. Further I know we can't make the whole lake a no wake zone. If the property was developed as a single family/rental home with a 2 slip dock that's one thing, but what's being proposed is quite another. I don't know about the legalities or politics of this issue but I hope that fair and intelligent decisions can be made.

Respectfully John Lefevre

501 E. Norris Point rd.

From: Jules Morris <jules@bombdiggity.com>

Sent: Sunday, June 25, 2017 9:53 PM

To: Ferguson, Tyler Dean

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

Dear Mr. Ferguson,

I am writing to voice my strong concerns for the construction of the two-t-shaped floating docks and a pier on Davis Creek/Lynch Hollow. This amount of increased water traffic and speeds at which they will travel as they will leave our cove will cause damage to docks and boats and continue to erode our shorelines. We have lived across from the campground at 360 Bethlehem Lane for the past two years and find ourselves regularly asking boats to slow down for the same reason. Just this weekend, I personally watched a rental boat in our cove almost hit another one and a child almost get hit!

We are already working hard to preserve the shoreline from erosion and this much additional boat traffic could be detrimental to the area and environment. There are many renters in the area (and some of us that live there year round). We already contend with traffic and high boat speeds. It is actually dangerous to people swimming around their docks! I can't even imagine what it will be like with this size installation!

We are not IN Norris Point, but our property and life will be greatly affected. There is often no control or care from campers and visitors to the area, this is our home and we want to protect it. We appreciate the opportunity to share our thoughts with you and are available for any additional questions that you might have. Zoning in the area is what it is and hopefully the neighbors across the way will have a considerate business owner that takes care in how they run the campground itself. However, we don't feel that we can take a change on the suggested additional water traffic when it can be controlled to protect the environment, structures, and the safety of the residents around it.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Lane & Jules Morris

Jules Morris BOMBDIGGITY, LLC 865.719.7072 jules@bombdiggity.com www.bombdiggity.com

TVA is considering issuing a Section 26a permit to Norris Point Campground LLC for the construction of two T-shaped floating docks, one floating courtesy pier and a concrete boat ramp on Norris Reservoir, Davis Creek mile 1.6 (right bank), in Campbell County, Tennessee. The proposed facilities will be used as amenities for the Norris Point Campground, which is located on adjacent private property. TVA is seeking public comment as part of an environmental review prior to deciding on permit issuance. TVA is interested in receiving comments regarding the action's potential to affect the environment or historic properties, and to identify any other issues associated with this request. The comments will be considered in reaching a decision concerning the proposed action. Any comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and will be available for public inspection. All written comments on this proposed action must be received on or before July 9, 2017. Written comments may be mailed to the address below or emailed to tferguson@tva.gov. Tennessee Valley Authority Attn: Tyler Ferguson 106 Tri-Cities Business Park Drive Gray, TN 37615 S

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Jules Morris BOMBDIGGITY, LLC 865.719.7072 jules@bombdiggity.com www.bombdiggity.com

From: Laura Morse <lauram17@mail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 7:08 AM

To: Ferguson, Tyler Dean

Subject: Dock permit to campground on Norris Point

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

I am a resident of East Norris Point and I do live here full time since 2000.

We have seen a lot of erosion along the shore line from boat usage. As the shore line gets narrower into the cove the erosion is more of a concern.

The proposed stationary dock for the campground would allow for the 18 camping sites to each have a boat. If these boats were to leave and return to the dock the same day they would cause enormous amounts of erosion along the shoreline.

While all neighboring homes along the same cove only have one to three boats you are talking about adding up to 18 plus boats in the small cove.

It is stated that it has to be a stationary dock because of the width of the cove I don't think anyone has thought about the number of boats it would add.

In closing please understand that we are against the additional boat traffic because of safety and extensive erosion.

Laura and Ron Morse 402 E Norris Point

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Sent from my Android phone with <u>mail.com</u> Mail. Please excuse my brevity.

From: Kim Reibenstein <tenn2017@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 02, 2017 2:44 PM

To: Ferguson, Tyler Dean **Subject:** Norris Point Campground

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

Mr. Ferguson,

We wanted to provide some comments about the proposed docks for the Norris Point campgrounds. My wife and I are building a new home in the Rob Woodson Farm development in Lynch Hollow (same cove as the campgrounds). The increased boat traffic is very much a concern as we build our retirement home for us, our children, and hopefully future grandchildren to enjoy. There are already enough boats coming close enough to our dock, many throwing considerable wake. Our primary concern is safety, but shore erosion and damage to property are also secondary concerns. Also, with the additional boat traffic we feel there will be more trash in the cove and on the shoreline. We currently own property (and live) in another campground/marina facility on Norris Lake and the trash we see and pull out of the water is extreme.

Another concern is the proposed floating docks at the campgrounds will be floated towards our property as the lake level drops for winter pool.

We have owned our 2 lots in Rob Woodson Farm for 18 years with the hopes of building our full time retirement home there and have "taken the plunge". We fear our dream may be challenged or ruined by the concerns above and respectfully ask TVA to not allow a large multi-slip dock at the end of this small residential cove. Thank you!

Regards,

Bill & Kim Reibenstein

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sue Robbe <suerobbe@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 4:45 PM

To: Ferguson, Tyler Dean **Subject:** Norris Point Campground

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

Mr. Ferguson,

My husband and I built our new lake house at 827 E. Norris Point in 2015. We previously owned a lake house at Norris Crest for 11 years. We spent more than a year looking all around the lake for a quieter and flatter piece of property. Norris Crest was just too busy and we couldn't ever swim right off the dock because of the sheer volume of boat traffic.

We fell in love with the quieter and calmer area of Norris Point and decided to purchase this property. We had NO idea at that time that a campground would be built at the entrance of Norris Point or we would likely have kept searching for other property. It was our belief that this was a residential community and not a place for a public commercial campground.

Our concerns about the campground include increased water traffic and increased traffic on Lynch Hollow Road. That road is very narrow and windy and it's difficult enough to pass another car much less a large camper! We also have concerns that the campground has the potential of becoming an unsightly area which we have to drive past coming and going from our home.

We attended the meeting on June 10 at the home of the Cumorich's and came away feeling that nothing was really accomplished.

Thank you for your time.

Sue and Ed Robbe 827 E. Norris Point

From: James Rosselit <JSRosselit@aol.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 1:12 PM

To: Ferguson, Tyler Dean

Subject: TVA Tract No. XNR/174/ Norris Reservoir/Norris Point Campground

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

We are contacting you today to voice concern over the proposed Norris Point campground located on TVA tract XNR 174. We have numerous concerns about this proposed facility and the overall effect it will have on the surrounding waterways and shoreline.

We, as well as other property owners, love Norris Lake for the natural beauty of its water and also the pristine nature of its shoreline. We understand that an individual has the right to build along the shoreline as long as they obtain prior approval from the TVA. We also firmly believe that the TVA has the obligation to not only consider the legality of the structures and docks but also to consider the overall effect it will have on the surrounding areas. With this in mind, we strongly urge you to evaluate not only the legality of this facility, but also the appropriateness and feasibility of it with respect to the area in which it is located.

One of the aspects of this proposed campground that is inappropriate is it's size. The cove in which it is located is very narrow and shallow. It's seems to us that to have 20 boats parked in a narrow shallow channel is not only bad for the environment, but also dangerous. Boats need room to maneuver. There is no way that this small area in the back of a cove can have 20 plus boats maneuvering safely in it. There are no regulations concerning the size of watercraft on TVA waterways. This means that there could be boats of any length trying to moor in a very narrow channel. Surely this cannot be a safe proposition. We understand that while the overall safety on TVA waterways is under the jurisdiction of the TWRA, surely the TVA itself has to give some consideration to the effect a proposed dock or mooring structure will have on the channel in which it is located.

There are other aspects of this proposed campground that are very disturbing. The first of these are septic issues. How can 20 campground sites possibly have septic drainage into a narrow channel and expect the discharge from the septic field to be disbursed in an appropriate size body of water? It seems that there is no way anyone could safely swim in this area. We are also concerned about the increased boat traffic and the damage it will do to the adjacent shoreline. This is a very narrow channel, and wake from these boats can cause considerable waterline damage and erosion. Again, we understand that the TVA does not have jurisdiction over this, but it mist be considered when evaluating the project in total.

When you look up the procedures for a Section 26 A permit, the first section is "scope and intent". In this section it states; "The Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933 among other things confers on the TVA broad authority related to the unified conservation and development of the Tennessee River Valley are and directs that property in TVA custody be used to promote the act's purpose". Although some aspects of this campground are outside of TVA jurisdiction or control, this statement about scope and intent demands that these other factors be considered when deciding whether or not to allow a proposed structure to be built.

With all the preceding factors in mind we respectfully ask that the TVA use its "broad" authority to either prohibit the proposed structures to be built in association with this campground, or at the very least limit the size of these structures. Thank you very much for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

James and Susanne Rosselit 625 East Norris Point Road LaFollette, Tennessee 37766

Sent from my iPad

From: Suzanne Sandidge <suzannesandidge@icloud.com>

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 10:00 AM

To: Ferguson, Tyler Dean

Subject: Norris Point Campground 26a permit comment

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

TVA,

My family owns a home down just a little ways from the campground. When we chose our house, location was a major factor since we wanted more of a quiet spot. We paid nearly a half million dollars for our home/property about 7 years ago. The neighborhood looked very nice and homes were well kept. We do have some issues with boats coming too close to our dock at times, which results in our ramp coming off its path & we've already had damage to the concrete ramp and some to the dock. Our ramp has also had major wash out even all the way underneath in places due to the waves from the boat traffic.

Our family was very disappointed to see a campground spring up on our road so close in our neighborhood. This was not a welcome site. We are very concerned about the ramps and such that will be a part of this campground as well as the boat traffic generated. When a person has personally paid \$40,000 for a dock, they tend to take better care of it versus someone who is renting a camp spot for a week with access to a dock they don't own. From my understanding, there will be no one on site at the campground to monitor things and TVA has no control over the boat traffic/issues generated from this commercial development being in the residential area.

I hope my concerns as well as those from the other home owners in our neighborhood will be heard and strongly considered. We want to preserve the atmosphere of our neighborhood.

Sincerely, Suzanne Sandidge

Sent from my iPad

From: tom.slanker <tom.slanker@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 10:15 AM

To: Ferguson, Tyler Dean

Cc: Slankerville

Subject: Norris Point Campground 26a Permit

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

Dear Mr. Ferguson,

I am against having a commercial business in a residential area. Thus, I request that TVA decline the permit request.

I live down the street from the proposed campground. The information provided "on line" does not provide us enough information on what is all involved in the project. Many details are missing for proper evaluation and we would like an extension of at least 30 days after the below questions are answered and/or information is provided. I have been watching this project evolve over the past 12+ months and it has lacked sound planning (TVA ordered NPC to remove illegal fill dirt after being told not to add any more dirt) and oversight. Thus, this has resulted in my questions.

- 1) Where is the site map showing dimensions/locations of the dock/piers and boat ramp in relationship to East Norris Point Development and the location of the existing camp sites? Site plot needs to show the boat ramp 50ft setback from the first lot of the Norris Point Development. Also, the piers/docks show the 1/3 rule.
- 2) What is the 20 year "average and mean" water depth (1st and 15th of the month graph plots would be acceptable) around the proposed piers? As a TN tax payer, I am concern you may approve a safety hazard for the public and those using the facilities without evaluating TVA/State/Campbell County/TWRA standards and possible legal exposures. If someone dives in and needs air lifted out, I am not sure where the closest spot is for a helicopter to land. The 80ft pier is in very swallow water of less than 10 feet at normal pool.
- 3) Sufficient site gating, warning signs?
- 4) How will garbage be handled/secured?
- 5) Boat Trailer parking in a designated area not to block/hinder emergency vehicles or public road set backs? Is there a designated emergency vehicle parking spot at the campground?
- 6) Is there a site layout showing campsites, vehicle and boat trailer parking, and turn radii for campers/emergency vehicles. Does grade and turn radii sufficient for emergency vehicles and/or customers?
- 7) We would like to have feedback from the those home owners bordering both sites of the cove.

and including TWRA on making the cove a "no wake" zone for safety purposes.

- 8) The County is in the initial steps of incorporating zoning. How does this project fit within that scope? Is this project appropriate in a single family zoned area? What feed back from the Campbell County official(s) have you received?
- 9) If this area was a TVA/State/County public area, what standards would it have to be designed to?
- 10) ADA (American Disability Act) requirements being met?
- 11) Has NPC insurance provider reviewed the plans and have bonded coverage? Who is providing the insurance? Is the project insurable?
- 12) How many concrete pads and there locations in relationship to the existing sites (show water, sewer, electric hookups too)? There are 20 sites. Chad Albers of NPC said they will only have 16 pads. Will any of the four excess sites be required to be removed as part of any approved plans? If not, NPC could illegally add fill dirt later in violation of your 26A permit to make some of those extra sites usable.
- A) We request that TVA require the removal of the extra sites electric, water and sewer connections to stop the temptation of using them and creating issues.
- B) We request the pier/dock permit if issued, be restricted to the 16 RV sites as proposed. If NPC adds more later at this site or an adjacent site, the permit goes through another review process.
- C) If the permit is issued, any future modifications to the permit, TVA will notify Norris Point Development residents and the others in the cove. A 30 day environmental review process starts.
- 13) Will the dock/pier design have an TN professional licensed architect/engineer stamp on the drawings?
- 14) No ATV's or golf carts.
- 15) The water quality in that cove can be suspect with the above farm animal run off.
- 16) Campground and Piers/Docks as proposed will create/hold more sediment runoff. This erosion will fill in the cove.

Tom Slanker 613 East Norris Pointe Road LaFollette, TN 37766 5136042190

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: tom.slanker <tom.slanker@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 11:32 AM

To: Ferguson, Tyler Dean

Cc: Slankerville

Subject: Norris Point Campground (NPC) - Request of Moratorium on Issuing 26a Permits.

Attachments: IMG_20170701_115757.jpg; IMG_20170701_115707.jpg

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

Dear Mr. Ferguson,

TVA should place a moratorium on issuing 26a permits in Campbell County until they incorporate zoning and building codes. This is for the public safety and save TVA time for not dealing with poorly designed plans and structures. The Norris Point Campground current 26a permit request should also be placed on hold for the same reason.

Attached are two photos of a collapsed two story concrete wall of a garage/parking pad that happened about two weeks ago. A lot of its fill dirt and the failed concrete wall has gone into the water. Thus, filling in the cove. This structure is the second to the last house by water on the right (across from NPC - I believe it is lot 8 belonging to a Mr. Day).

An engineering failure investigation should be performed to determine the cause. Looking at it from the water with my engineering background, I see a few issues where proper construction practices and design would of prevented the failure. I am not aware of any injuries as a result of the wall collapse.

Norris Point Campground - this project has shown to be also poorly planned. My concerns are outlined in my earlier email. Once again, zoning and building codes if incorporated in Campbell County would have saved TVA much time and energy on this project.

Can you summarize dealings with NPC? Did they ever mislead TVA? Why did TVA have to issue orders to remove the fill dirt? I was present at the site with your Mr. James Adams when he told NPC/contractor not to fill in the site any more. Are there any ramfications in grossly not complying with TVA instructions?

Tom Slanker 613 East Norris Point Road LaFollette, TN 37766 5136042190

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